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12c a yd. First quality marble and colored table Oil Cloth.
5c each Men's fine white hemstitched Handkerchiefs.
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39c each Ladies' heavy fleece lined Union Suits.
10c a pr. Children's all wool ribbed Stockings.
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35c a pr. Full 10-4 cotton blankets, good weight.
8c a pr. Ladies' fast black seamless Stockings.
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25c each 50c Corsets, all sizes, drab and white.
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NINE LIVES LOST.

An Early Morning Blaze at
Charleston, S. C.

A Tenement House on Church Street
Enveloped in Flames.

Quick Work of Firemen Soon Placed the
Fire Under Control, But Not Until the
Knickmeyer and O'Neal Families on
the Third Floor Were Suffocated.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 26.—Nine lives were lost in a fearful fire which raged for a short while in Church street Saturday morning. At 2:10 a policeman on duty noticed big sparks flying from the tenement house at No. 160 Church street. The officer found that a blaze was issuing from one of the windows on the first floor. The doors were broken open and the family on that floor were rushed out without any damage. Somebody yelled that a family of women were sleeping on the third floor. The police rushed up stairs and when they reached the top story the life saving work was stopped by the flames which seemed to be playing over the entire building. Screams from dying women were heard, and Officer Bagby rushed in and pulled out three charred bodies. The quick work of the fire department checked the fire and it was soon under control, but not until nine lives on the third story had been lost.

The dead:—Mrs. Rebecca Knickmeyer, Albert O'Neal, Caswell O'Neal, Josephine Knickmeyer, 17 years of age; Katie Knickmeyer, 16 years; Lenora Knickmeyer, 9 years of age; Francis Knickmeyer, 6 years of age; Lilly Knickmeyer, 3 years; a baby of Mrs. Knickmeyer, 1 month old. Mrs. Knickmeyer is the wife of Theodore E. Knickmeyer, a carpenter.

The La Champagne Still Missing.
New York, Feb. 26.—Up to 10 o'clock Saturday morning no additional news had been received of the overdue French liner La Champagne. The steamer Paris, which arrived Saturday morning from Southampton, did not sight her on her voyage. From the report of the Bremerhaven, which sighted her a week ago, it was hoped that La Champagne would put in an appearance Saturday.

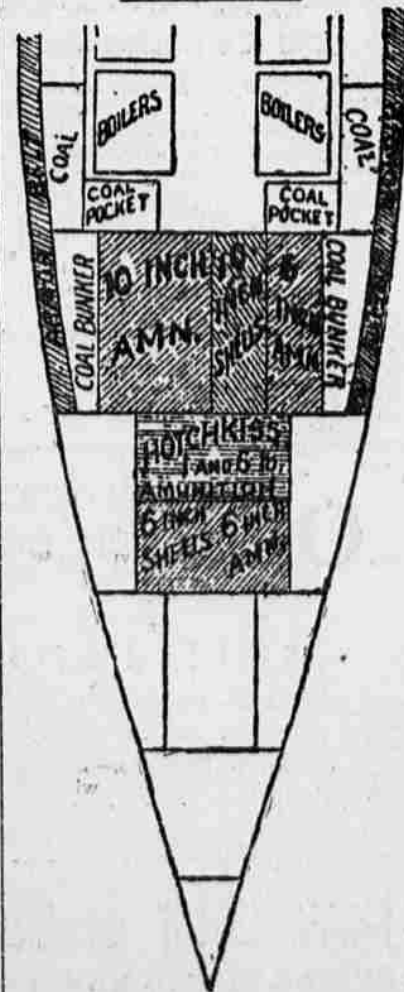
To Develop the Spanish Navy.
MADRID, Feb. 26.—The cabinet has considered the situation and no incident was reported as altering the "cordiality of the relations between Spain and the United States," though the ministers expressed "regret at the passion which has crept into public opinion during the present incident." A million pesetas was voted to develop the navy.

GOT A LIFE SENTENCE

For Assault Under a New Law—Seven Other Indictments Pending.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Fred Ruback, convicted Thursday of assault and sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary, has been again convicted on a like charge, and a jury fixed his punishment at life imprisonment in the penitentiary. Rosa Reget told of the brutality on the part of Ruback which aroused both court and jury.

Ruback is the first prisoner to be given a life sentence for this offense under the new law. Ruback was also under sentence for horse stealing and seven more indictments are pending. Ruback said he would kill himself before he would go to prison for life, and was astonished when he was hurried to Joliet with a gang of convicts.



BOW OF THE MAINE.

Visible Supply of Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 26.—Secretary Hester, in his weekly cotton statement, estimates the world's visible supply of cotton at 4,387,214 bales against 4,411,196 last week and 3,923,323 last year. Of the former amount 4,119,214 bales are American cotton.

SINKING IN MUD.

The Wreck of the Maine Is
Settling Slowly.

Nothing New Reported From Court
of Inquiry's Investigation.

In Spite of Sensational Stories There
Is No Credible Evidence

Either Way as to the Cause of the Terrible
Disaster—The Victims Already Buried
Can Not Be Rescued Under Five
Years by an Old Spanish Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—In view of the widely published report that the harbor of Havana contains a system of sub-marine mines, a statement around which has centered the chief public interest in connection with the disaster to the battle ship Maine, Senator Du Bose, Spanish charge d'affaires at Washington, Friday night made to a reporter the following statement, which, coming from such authority, may be considered an official denial:

"I wish to state on my own official knowledge that no mine exists inside or outside of Havana harbor; nor is there any sub-marine defense of any kind. The report is so absolutely false and ridiculous that it could only have originated in the minds of those persons anxious to incite the evil passions of both nations for their own miserable ends. I consider the very suggestion of such a thing an insult to Spain."



The friends of the victims of the Maine disaster have discovered that they can not have their bodies brought to this country in cases where they have already been interred. This is due to the fact that the Spanish laws forbid the exhumation of corpses until the expiration of the period of five years after burial.

The prohibition had its origin in the fear of infection from contagious diseases. Some applications have already been made to have bodies brought to the United States by private individuals and they have encountered this obstacle.

Whether an effort will be made to have it removed is not yet apparent.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—The wreck of the Maine is slowly but surely sinking into the mud. Before the hull could be raised it would be necessary to remove the guns and deck debris. For lack of proper appliances practically nothing in this line has been accomplished. Aside from the officers and cabin effects the salvage thus far has been pitifully small. The cloudy weather and rain made the work of the divers unsatisfactory Friday and very little was done. It is said that a hole has been made by the divers in one of the forward hatches, and it is hoped that a number of bodies will be recovered. The court of inquiry sat longer than usual Friday, the six divers being examined more in detail than heretofore. The time of the departure of the Mangrove with the court for Key West has not been determined. Capt. Sampson said Friday that it was doubtful whether his vessel would sail Saturday; that all depended on the developments of the testimony.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—In spite of the stories that come from unofficial sources in Havana as to sensational developments in connection with the work of the divers in the Maine's hull, the administration remains firm in its statement that there is no credible evidence one way or the other as to the cause of the disaster and holds to its purpose to await the conclusion of the investigation now making by the court of inquiry. This position was emphasized at Friday's cabinet meeting. People who looked for some startling announcement were disappointed, as the members without reservation frankly admitted that the subject of the loss of the Maine had been discussed, but said the government had received no information from Havana since Thursday, and had no intention of changing its policy until there was something of substance to warrant it. The Spanish legation was equally in the dark as to any of the discoveries reported from sources that are not cited, as was shown by the message from Capt. Gen. Blanco.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—Senator Proctor, of Vermont, arrived here Saturday. He comes on a mission similar to that of Calhoun last year, and will make a special investigation of the general

conditions prevailing in Havana and in the island, as well as into the Maine disaster. He expects to remain ten days or two weeks.

IMMENSE DISTILLERY

Of Jack Daniel at Lynchburg, Tenn., Seized By the Government.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 26.—Friday at Lynchburg acting under orders of United States Collector Nunn, several officials seized the immense distillery, capacity 400 gallons per day, and warehouse of Jack Daniel, one of the best known whisky men in the state. Daniel is a man of means, the distillery is an extensive one and the seizure is the largest ever made in this state. The warehouse contains 3,600 barrels of whisky. The charges against Daniel is the illegal removal of whisky and the reuse of stamps. In taxes to the government this distillery pays about \$100,000 annually. No arrests have been reported.

GUILTY OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—Alexis Churkoff was Saturday convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of George E. Haas on December 3 last. Haas was assistant superintendent of the S. S. White Dental Co.'s manufactory in Frankfort, a suburb of this city, and Churkoff shot him dead as Haas was on his way home to dinner. Churkoff is a Russian and is believed to be an anarchist. He had several times been refused employment at the factory and it is supposed killed Haas on account of his failure to get work. The defense made a plea of insanity.

To Hunt for Wise's Gold and Silver.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 26.—On the strength of the statements made by George Washington, an old Negro, Isaac C. Crites, a painter, and a man named Watkins have started for a plantation 50 miles southeast of Richmond, on Chesapeake bay, Va., to search for treasure buried by Henry A. Wise during the war. Washington was Wise's slave and body servant. He claims he helped bury the treasure and can find it. It consists of three kegs of gold and silver coins. A son of Henry Wise, named George, is still living in Virginia.

Adm. Selfridge's Successor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—After being pronounced physically unfit for promotion by one naval board, too sound to be retired by another, and physically qualified for promotion by a third board, Capt. Henry B. Robeson, commandant of the Portsmouth (N. H.) navy yard, has at last been recommended to the president for promotion and will succeed to the vacancy in the grade of commodore, to be created by the retirement this month of Adm. Selfridge.

Ex-Mayor Bled Dead.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 26.—Ex-Mayor Robert Bled died Saturday of acute pneumonia after an illness of only three days. He was 59 years old. Mr. Bled began life as a brakeman on the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & St. Louis railway. He was frequently promoted, and eventually became general superintendent of the road. He was elected mayor of Cleveland on the democratic ticket in 1893 and served two years.

The Hayes Homestead Levied Upon.

FREMONT, O., Feb. 26.—The homestead of the late ex-president R. B. Hayes known as the Spiegel grove was levied upon by the county sheriff Friday to satisfy the judgement obtained in common pleas court for \$5,000 damages awarded Mrs. Addie M. Smith of this city. Mrs. Smith was given a judgment for injuries received in a runaway caused by a dog owned by the Hayes estate. The costs amount to \$1,019.

Student Volunteer Convention.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 26.—The "Money Problem in Christian Missions" was discussed at the morning session of the Student Volunteer convention Friday. Chairman Mott presided, and devotional exercises were conducted by Bishop Hargrave, of Nashville, Tenn., and president of the Epworth league board of the M. E. church south.

Eight Men Frozen to Death.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 26.—The steamer Noyo, which arrived here from Alaska Friday, brings a report that the British flag has been planted at Summit lake, 14 miles inside of the American boundary line and 12 miles from Skagway. It is also reported that eight men have been frozen to death on the trail since February 15.

Knocked Out in Twelve Rounds.

NEWCASTLE, Eng., Feb. 26.—In a 20-round contest between Will Carley, of Birmingham, and Billy Murphy, the Australian, for a purse of \$875 and a side bet of \$500, at Gwinette's circus Friday night, Carley knocked the Australian out in 12 rounds.

Big Guns for the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Two more big guns, each a ten-inch rifle, have arrived from the east for the Presidio fortifications. The guns will be placed in position with all possible speed in view of the disquieting rumors prevalent. During the past six days large quantities of ammunition have been stored in the magazines at the Presidio and at Lime Point.

Memphis and Charleston Road Sold.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 26.—The Memphis & Charleston railroad extending southeast from this city to Stevenson, Ala., a distance of 290 miles, was sold at public outcry at noon Saturday. The Southern Railroad Co. bought the property at the upset price of \$2,500,000, there being no other bidders.

Havana Excited.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—The excitement in the city, growing out of the Maine investigation, continues unabated. An outbreak of some kind, sooner or later, is expected.

SECRETARY LONG

Says Things Are Looking Much
Better in His Department.

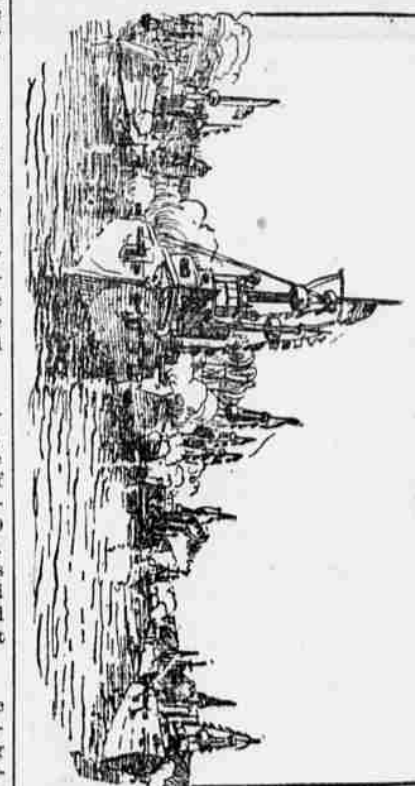
The Public Should Not Be Under Any
Misapprehension With Regard

To the Naval Preparations of Late—The
Warlike Movements Have Mostly Been
the Ordinary Dispositions Which
Are Made From Time to Time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Secretary Long enjoyed a sound sleep Friday night, the first he has had for some time, and in consequence he felt so refreshed Saturday morning that he decided to abandon his proposed absence from the navy department and continue at his duties. So he was early at his desk and in consultation with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and Capt. Crowninshield, chief of the navigation bureau. As to the outlook he said he thought things were looking much better. He said the public ought not to be under any apprehension with regard to naval movements; that so far they had mostly been the ordinary dispositions which are made from time to time; for instance, the shipping of guns to New York is to supply the Chicago and other vessels which are under reconstruction there, and they would go in any event. The gun factory at Washington is where they are made, and they are sent to various points as the occasion requires. So too the call for more men, he said, is simply the revival of the recommendation in his annual report.

This statement by the secretary evidently was made to allay the impression caused by the reports of heavy shipments of guns from the Washington navy yard and other warlike measures. The movements of some of the warships, such as the Detroit and Marblehead towards Key West, had already been shown to have been in accordance with orders not only made but published in the newspapers as well before the Maine disaster, so that the secretary's explanation on this point is only confirmatory of the statements of the subordinate officials of the navy department.

The telegraph brought news Saturday morning of the arrival at Key West of the two vessels namely, the Detroit, coming from Mobile, where she was sent to participate in the Mardi Gras festivities, and the Marblehead,



UNITED STATES FLEET IN TORTUGAS BAY.

from New Orleans, where she went for a similar purpose. The Detroit is going up to the naval station to take on coal and both vessels will remain attached to the North Atlantic squadron. It is again stated at the navy department that the Montgomery, which has been ordered to drop down to Key West from Tampa, where she landed Capt. Crowninshield, has not, as yet, received any orders to proceed to Havana and it is not decided yet when the orders will issue, if at all.

The house judiciary committee has made a favorable report on the Henderson bill concerning the jurisdiction of United States courts.

The house committee on patents has favorably reported the Corliss bill extending the trademark privileges to casks, bottles and other receptacles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—China has at last been supplied with a money order system, and the regulations have been reported to the state department by United States Minister Denby at Peking.

Attempted Assassination.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Feb. 26.—Lieut. Cordier, of the Cuban army, who is here with Capt. Mahoney for the purpose of raising funds to aid the insurgent cause, narrowly escaped death at the hands of an assassin. An unknown man took a shot at the lieutenant and then fled. Cordier fired two shots at the retreating figure but failed to stop the man. Lieut. Cordier says that a similar attempt was made on the life of Capt. Mahoney a few months ago, while they were in Montana.

The Detroit Arrives at Key West.

KEY WEST, Feb. 26.—The United States cruiser Detroit, Capt. Dayton, has arrived here from Mobile. She came up to the wharf to take coal on board.

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Arrival and Departure of Trains

(Standard Time.)

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Depart—5:15 a. m., 9:20 a. m., 1:50 p. m.;
4:55 p. m.; 7:20 p. m.; 11:50 p. m.; 2:10 a. m.
Arrive—8:20 a. m.; 1:08 a. m.; 3:35 a. m.;
12:10 p. m.; 4:20 p. m.; 7:05 p. m.; 9:15 p. m.
C. & M. R. Y.

Depart—6:30 a. m. and 3:05 p. m. Arrive—
10:40 a. m.; 7:00 p. m.

Z. & O. R. Y.

Depart—6:50 a. m.; 2:40 p. m. Arrive—10:40
a. m.; 5:05 p. m.

T. & O. C. E. R. R.

Depart—7:30 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.
Arrive—8:30 and 12:15 p. m.; 6:50 p. m.

OHIO RIVER ROAD.

Leave Williamstown.

NORTH—7:34 a. m.; 12:37 p. m.; 3:45 p. m.; 9:03
p. m.

SOUTH—9:25 a. m., 10:50 a. m., 3:00 p. m.
7:53 p. m.

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BUCKEYE NEWS.

New and Interesting Happenings Within
Our Borders.

Murder Indicated.

LONDON, O., Feb. 26.—The body of Joseph Mulholland, of West Jefferson, a former wealthy citizen of this county, was found terribly mangled on the Pan-handle railroad, eight miles east of London, Saturday morning. His head was found 100 feet from his body and his remains were frozen to the ground. There was a bullet hole in his head. He had been living with a woman for the past year. His wife was divorced from him eight months ago. The case is a very mysterious one.

The Bribery Investigating Committee.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 26.—The Ohio senate bribery investigating committee met Friday and examined Manager Ross, of the local telephone company, with regard to calls made and answered in connection with Hanna headquarters in the Neil house when he was a candidate for United States senator. The only new development was that Maj. Dick settled the telephone bills. Not even names of conversationalists by telephone were secured.

Columbus Gambling Houses Closed.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 26.—Every gambling house in the city was closed Friday night, under order of Director William of the police department. The result of a heavy losing at faro by Jake Weber, the well known Columbus sporting man, who refused to pay up, resulted in every gambling room in Columbus being closed.

Missing Boy Located.

WEST UNION, O., Feb. 26.—In 1880 Tom Morgan disappeared from his home at Georgetown and it was thought that he had been drowned near Cincinnati. His father, James Morgan, has just received a letter from him. He is at Brandon, Tex.

Two Months Work of the Legislature.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 26.—The second month of the session of the Seventy-third general assembly of Ohio has just closed. Thirty-seven laws have been enacted, 23 local and 15 general. Four hundred and seven house and 275 senate bills have been introduced.

Official Records Found in a Haymow.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 26.—Important official records of Union township, Ross county, O., which mysteriously disappeared 12 years ago, were found Friday afternoon in a hay mow in this city by Senator Byron Lutz, of Ross county district.

Engagement Announced.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 26.—It is announced here now that Congressman Jesse Overstreet, of the Indianapolis district, will be married to Miss Katherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Crump, of this city, some time this spring.

Set Him Free.

MIDDLETOWN, O., Feb. 26.—It was learned from an authentic source Saturday that Miss Lottie Fiebler, the divorced wife of "Kid" McCoy, received \$800 in cash from the fighter for setting him free.